

Application No.: 09/970,148
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REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to more distinctly point out the present invention and to correct certain typographical errors. Amendment of the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the rejections/objections in any previous Office Action; and the instant Amendment is presented solely to expedite prosecution of this patent application. The amendments made to the claims are not related to any issues of patentability. Applicants reserve the option to prosecute the same or similar claims as those originally filed in the instant application or one or more or subsequent applications. No new matter has been added by the present Amendment.

Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Particularly, support for new claims 45-48 may be found, *e.g.*, in the specification as filed in the paragraph at p.4, l.11 and claims 31 and 32 (relating to packaged pharmaceutical compositions), the paragraph at p.12, l.24 (describing carrier molecules), claim 22 as filed (relating to various bacteria), and the paragraphs at p.16, l.3 and p.16, l.12 (together reciting various heterocyclic groups). Support for the compounds recited in new claims 49, 55, and 64 may be found, *e.g.*, in claims 16 and 34 as filed. Support for new claims 50-51 may be found, *e.g.*, in the specification as filed in the paragraph at p.6, l.8 (relating to methods of the invention), the paragraph at p.12, l.24 (describing carrier molecules), the paragraph at p.9, l.5 (relating to various bacteria), and the paragraphs at p.16, l.3 and p.16, l.12 (together reciting various heterocyclic groups). Support for new claims 52-54 may be found, *e.g.*, in the specification as filed in the paragraph at p.9, l.21 (relating to methods of modulating molecular interactions), as well as the paragraph at p.12, l.24 (describing carrier molecules), the paragraph at p.9, l.5 (relating to various bacteria), and the paragraphs at p.16, l.3 and p.16, l.12 (together reciting various heterocyclic groups). Support for new claim 56 may be found, *e.g.*, in claim 25 as filed. Support for new claim 57 may be found, *e.g.*, in claim 26 as filed. Support for new claims 58 and 59 may be found, *e.g.*, in claims 43 and 44 as filed, as well as the paragraph at p.12, l.24 (describing carrier molecules) and the paragraphs at p.16, l.3 and p.16, l.12 (together reciting various heterocyclic groups). Support for new claims 60-65 may be found, *e.g.*, in the last paragraph on the bottom of p.5 and Figures 15-28 illustrating the effect of compounds of the invention on the binding of various chemokines to a glycosaminoglycan. Support for new claims 66-67 may be found, *e.g.*, in the specification as filed in the paragraph at p.9, l.14. No new matter has been added.

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Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment prior to the receiving a Office Action in the present application, and therefore no extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is believed to be necessary. However, should any such extension of time be required to enter this Amendment, or for any other purpose, then Applicants hereby request said extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 12-0080. Also, please charge the fee of \$1168 for excess claims (representing the new claims presented herein) to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. If any additional fees are due, then please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments and remarks presented herein, favorable consideration, and allowance of the application with all pending claims are respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, Examiner is urged to call the attorney of record at (617) 227-7400.

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